



**National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior**

**Steamtown National  
Historic Site**

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**Superintendent's  
Compendium**  
Of Designations, Closures,  
Permit Requirements and Other  
Restrictions Imposed Under  
Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Steamtown National Historic Site (STEA). Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

**36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND AREA DESIGNATIONS FOR SPECIFIC USE OR ACTIVITIES**

**(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:**

**Visiting Hours:**

- The Park is open daily, except New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Outside of the visiting hours, all areas of the Park are closed to public access unless a special use permit is granted.

- o Park regular visitor hours are: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
  - o Park winter visitor hours are: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
- The Park's museums and grounds, including outdoor exhibits and parking lot areas, close promptly at 5:00 pm (*4:00 pm winter*). Also, during severe weather events, the Park may delay opening, close early or close entirely. Park closing and/or delayed opening notices are available by phoning (570) 340-5200 after 6 am or by visiting the park website at [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea).
- The Steamtown NHS library, curatorial and archive facilities are available to researchers by appointment only.

#### Closures:

- The following buildings or portions of buildings are closed to public visitation:
  - o All basement areas and all basement access ways
  - o The Locomotive Shop – The Locomotive Shop is open to the public by guided tour only.
  - o The Maintenance of Way and the Administrative Headquarters (Office Storage) Building – Persons having business in the Office Storage Building or the Maintenance of Way Building are permitted to enter this area during normal park business hours. The basement of the Office Storage building is open to the public by guided tour only.
  - o The Penn Drive Building
  - o The Roundhouse Floor
  - o Mattes Street Tower – Mattes Street Tower is open to the public by guided tour only.
  - o The Mine Stores Building
  - o The Gas House
  - o The Sand House – The Sand House is open to the public by guided tour only.
  - o All Closets and storage areas
  - o All staff lunch rooms
- All Park access roads are closed to public vehicular use and travel.
- The Superintendent may close any park buildings, park areas and / or roadways to public access due to staff shortages, special activities, severe weather, mechanical failures, or for maintenance purposes. The public will be notified of these closures by the posting of signs, park employees, gates, barricades, the park website available at [www.nps.gov/stea](http://www.nps.gov/stea), and / or by calling 570-340-5200.
- The following activities are prohibited at the Park:
  - o Climbing on railroad equipment, fences, historic structures, or historic objects.
  - o Bicycling on the railroad tracks.
  - o Eating and drinking in the, Theater interior, History Museum, Technology Museum, Roundhouse, Curatorial areas.
  - o Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Steamtown National Historic Site is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

Definition:

The term “unmanned aircraft” means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.

*These closures are established to protect the health and safety of park visitors and park resources, and are the minimum restrictions necessary to achieve such protection.*

**(a)(2) The following designations, conditions, and/or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:**

- In the interest of visitor safety, appropriate signage is placed in strategic locations throughout the park cautioning visitors that they are in an active rail yard and can expect rail equipment to move at any time in any direction.

**Recreational Activities:**

- Playing Frisbee, baseball, soccer, football, golf, basketball and any other sports or activities are and will be prohibited if they could prohibit other park uses, harm park visitors, or damage resources.
- Camping is prohibited in the park unless a special use permit is granted. See also 36 CFR § 2.10
- Operating or using model aircraft within the Park boundary is prohibited unless specifically permitted by the Superintendent.
- Swimming and wading is prohibited in the park.
- *These restrictions are established to protect park resources from damage, protect park visitors, and ensure multiple and compatible uses of the Park.*

**Bicycles:**

- Bicycle use is prohibited on park sidewalks, boardwalks, and railroad tracks. See also 36 CFR § 4.30.  
*This condition is established to protect park resources from unnecessary damage and to protect visitor safety.*

**Buses:**

- Engines must be shut down when not underway. The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the visitor experience.
- All buses must use the designated bus facility for passenger loading and unloading.
- All buses must use the designated parking facilities when parking.  
*These conditions are established to protect public safety and park resources.*

**36 CFR § 1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

**Pursuant to § 1.6(f), activities requiring a permit are listed throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.**

All persons desiring to hold events at Steamtown NHS are to be referred to the Superintendent's office. All permits will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Director's Order #53, Special Park Uses.

Pursuant to § 1.6(e), the superintendent shall include in a permit the terms and conditions that the superintendent deems necessary to protect park resources or public safety and may also include terms or conditions established pursuant to the authority of any other section of this chapter.

### **36 CFR § 2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES**

**(a)(5) Walking on, climbing, entering, ascending, descending, or traversing an archeological or cultural resource, monument, or statue is prohibited, unless special provisions are provided and approved by the Superintendent.**

### **36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS, AND NETS**

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 930, firearms are prohibited in federal facilities. Federal facilities are defined as "buildings or parts thereof owned or leased by the federal government, where federal employees are regularly present for the purpose of performing their official duties." Federal facilities are marked with signs at public entrances, and include the following buildings:

- The Fee Collection Station
- The Museum Store
- The Visitor Center
- The Theater
- The History Museum
- The Roundhouse
- The Locomotive Shop
- The Technology Museum
- Penn Drive
- The Sand House
- The Maintenance of Way
- The Office Storage
- The Gas House

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C. §§ 1a – 7b (P.L. 111-24 Section 512), park visitors may only carry firearms in National Parks if they are in compliance with federal, state, and local laws. Park visitors who can legally possess and carry firearms under federal, state, and local law are allowed to carry them in the park.

Pursuant to 36 CFR § 2.3, hunting and trapping is not allowed in Steamtown NHS.

### **36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS**

(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with other regulations of Chapter I of 36 CFR or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit.

### **36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE**

(a) Camping is allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:

- The park is closed to camping. See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

### **36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING**

- Only picnicking that is incidental to a trip to the park is allowed.
- Picnicking in connection with a special event or demonstration, for which permits have been issued pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 2.50 and 2.51 is allowed.

### **36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in nondeveloped areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.

### **36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES**

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except as provided for in the following designated areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

- Fires are only permitted in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 2.50 and / or 2.51 which specifically authorizes such activity under the conditions section of the permit.

### **36 CFR §2.14 – SANITATION and REFUSE**

(a)(2) The use of government refuse receptacles or facilities for dumping household, commercial or industrial refuse, brought as such from private or municipal property is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §2.15 – PETS**

**(a)(1) The following structures and/or areas are closed to the possession of pets:**

- Pets are not allowed in any Park buildings except for service animals or service animals in training.

**(a)(3) Leaving a pet unattended and tied to an object is prohibited, except that:**

- Pets may be tied to picnic tables or tethered in the area while the owner/handler is present. Pets cannot be left unattended.

**(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:**

- Pet excrement must be removed from the park completely or placed in a non-leaking container for deposit in a trash receptacle.

### **36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY**

**(a)(1) Operating or using aircraft on Park lands or waters is prohibited.**

**(a)(3) Delivering or retrieving a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means is prohibited, except in emergencies involving public safety or serious property loss or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.**

### **36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES**

**(c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES**

**(a) Skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, sledding, innertubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited on park roads and in parking areas open to motor vehicle traffic.**

### **36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES**

**Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited.**

### **36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING**

**(a) The following portions of the park, or all or portions of buildings, structures or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:**

- Smoking is prohibited within all park buildings and within 50 feet of entrances of all park buildings, except in designated smoking areas. The use of electronic cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) is treated as the same as smoking in regards to this policy.

*This restriction is established to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities, park employees, and residents of government quarters, and is the minimum restriction necessary to achieve such protection.*

**36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY**

**(a)(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than ANY period of time is prohibited.** Property determined to be left unattended may be impounded and inspected by authorized park officials or the police.

**36 CFR §2.23 – RECREATION FEES**

**(b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:**

- Steamtown NHS charges an entrance fee for all park grounds and buildings.
- An Interpretative use fee is charged for excursions and locomotive cab rides.

**36 CFR §2.35 –ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES and CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES**

**(a)(3)(i) The following areas and facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:**

- The consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in all park buildings and on all park grounds, except in connection with a special event or demonstration for which a permit has been issued pursuant to 36 CFR §§ 2.50 and 2.51.

*These restrictions are established in order to prevent inappropriate activity considering the other uses of the location and the purpose for which it is maintained or established and are the minimum restrictions necessary to achieve such protection.*

**36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING**

Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions or a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.

### **36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES**

(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

### **36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS**

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

### **36 CFR §2.51 – PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES AND MEETINGS**

(b) Demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2). Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- For groups of 25 people or less the gravel area directly adjacent to the theatre on the south side of the park next to the maintenance access road and the gravel area directly in front of the Museum store
- For groups of more than 25 people the main parking lot bay #3

See [Appendix A](#)

### **36 CFR §2.52 – SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER**

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by 25 people or less is allowed within the park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above). The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit.

### **36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS**



(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.

### **36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION**

(a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.

(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

### **36 CFR §4.21 – SPEED LIMITS**

(a), (b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

- 15 mph on all park roads

### **36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES**

(a) The use of a bicycle is permitted on park roads and in parking areas that are otherwise open for motor vehicle use by the general public.

- Bicycle use is prohibited on park sidewalks, boardwalks, and railroad tracks. See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document..

### **36 CFR §4.31 – HITCHHIKING**

Hitchhiking or soliciting transportation is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENTS**

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §5.4 – COMMERCIAL PASSENGER-CARRYING MOTOR VEHICLES**

**(a) The commercial transportation of passengers by motor vehicle except as authorized under a contract or permit from the Secretary or his authorized representative is prohibited in certain parks. See §5.4(a) for more information.**

#### **36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

**(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.**

**(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.**

#### **36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

**(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.**

#### **36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES**

**Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.**